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**Railway Bill Thrown Out.**

The Esquimalt railway project came to a sudden end yesterday, at the hands of the Select Committee, before whom the bill was referred in order to examine whether the Standing Orders of the House had been complied with respecting railway bills. So far as we can learn, the Committee had no objection in the matter. The Agents of the company had not complied with the orders, and therefore the bill had to be thrown out for the present session. The merits of the question were left virtually untouched. In fact the question—Victoria and Esquimalt Railway or no Railway? was not mentioned.

We are glad it was not thrown out on its merits; and we have hopes that the project will be entertained and pressed at the next session, and its merits fully canvassed. We like the spirit—the enterprising spirit—that induces the representatives of capital to embark in such undertakings. Such men are valuable acquisitions in a new country like ours, and deserve to be met in a fair and liberal spirit.

They spend money and make business. It is no fault of theirs, however, that the railway project has failed. It is not on account of asking too much or too little. But simply through the principal agent bungling the part he had to play. The notice, for instance, was issued; and afterwards, notwithstanding the supervision of Mr. Cary, the principal agent of the Company; but the orders did not agree with the notice, nor the notice with the orders, though the orders were made, as it was supposed, to expressly fit the notice and other preliminaries commenced by the company. The present session is too short to allow a new notice to be filed even if parliamentary usage did not otherwise prevent the introduction of the bill before the dissolution of the present legislature. Let the blame be laid on the right shoulders.

#### Esquimalt Route.

We were prepared for almost anything or everything at the hands of the Government of British Columbia, but we were totally unprepared to learn that they are disposed to treat the Esquimalt Route as inimical to the interests of British Columbia. Such seems, nevertheless, to be the feeling in certain quarters, and it comes from such different directions that it leaves no room for doubt on the subject. The Government has committed itself to a central wagon road from Yale and Douglas to Cariboo. It has granted franchises, and extended substantial aid to the road contractors. With all the delays and drawbacks attending the opening and construction of the central trunk line and branches, the undertaking promises to be a public benefit, and does credit to the Government. The interests, present and future, of the country could in no possible way be better promoted than by such a main artery. In fact, it is but one of the many avenues to be constructed throughout the vast area included within the limits of our sister colony. But why, or wherefore the Government should take the ground that no coast route should be opened till it fixes a fit time, is more than we can comprehend; or why the Government should manifest a disposition to give the cold shoulder to the Esquimalt project, is more than we can explain on purely public grounds, without reference to private interests. If the Government has made a mistake if it has neglected to prosecute discoveries on the coast for a short, easy, and near way to Cariboo than the central route, it is hardly fair—it is neither just nor honorable to the Esquimalt Company, now that it has expended money and labor, to set up delays and endless bother, having the practical object in view of thwarting the opening of the route this season.

The people of Victoria and the mines of Cariboo are mutually interested in the establishment of the shortest, easiest and cheapest route to and from the mines. If we can trust the explorations made last fall, the line from Bute Inlet fills such a specification; and it appears that it is only a matter of money, labor and time, to prove it beyond controversy—at least the ardent projector of the route so treats it, and his views on the matter are entitled to a high degree of consideration. The tone of government people leaves room to form the conclusion that such is their conviction. If such were not the case why should the Esquimalt route be deemed inimical to the interests of British Columbia—or, more correctly speaking, inimical to the route projects of the Government? To make this matter perfectly clear, let us state that Bute Inlet route is treated as an enemy. If it was no account; if there were no prospect of it competing successfully with the central routes, why in the name of common sense should it be treated in any other way than a fizzle? But being treated as an enemy to the pet, but late road enterprises of the Government, is a convincing proof to impartial outsiders, that Bute Inlet route is really objectionable only because certain functionaries did not originate it. The public, however, regard it simply from a practical point of view. If it is the best route, they desire it to be opened; and as it is entirely dependent on private enterprise, no delays nor shuffling is to be allowed in any way tending to thwart the opening this year.

#### "Municipal Ordinance on Real Estate."

Editor BRITISH COLONIST—Sir: It has been generally acknowledged that our City Fathers, on taking office as such, assumed an arduous task; and they themselves will probably admit that much consideration and forbearance has been extended to them on that account. But it is rather provoking to see how prone they are to entangle themselves in difficulties that might easily be avoided.

The justice of your strictures in a recent issue of the Colonist, on their late "Ordinance on Real Estate," is, I think, unquestionable; and I must add that you have done good service in exposing some of its absurdities. By way of further inducement to the Council to modify this Ordinance, I propose, with your permission, to make a few brief observations, viewing its objectionableness in points not adverted to in your article, but which ought not to be overlooked in the meantime, because they are such that if once set to operation they will be a fruitful source of annoyance to every one among us who may be interested in Real Estate.

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Now, it is plain that the Council have gone far beyond their province in thus resolving to subject the public to inquisitorial interrogatories, and to limit their free will by dictating to the Council the manner in which they should or should not make a return. It may be admitted that the Council are warranted in demanding Re-

#### turns for Taxation; but to impose vexatious conditions, the most vexatious of which is a different time. Indeed, it is something like a reckless attempt (unintentional, it may be) to degrade freeholders of the present day to the vassalage of past ages, and is as unwise as it is unjust. If correct returns of the property liable to assessment, be furnished to due time, should not that suffice? And why should not any person (a tenant, for instance,) having the owner's sanction to make a return, be allowed to do so, without being subjected to the exercise of a Power of Attorney or any of the inconvenience that would arise to many of these portions of the Ordinance enforced, must be so obvious that it is needless to give examples. What is the result of these cases, in which the owners are absent, without having left any regular Power of Attorney behind them? Do the Council imagine that they can, or is it their intention to, inflict a penalty on every absent owner for not having granted a Power of Attorney to some one or on every owner who declines to gratify their curiosity by publishing "how and from whom his property was obtained," and who objects to make municipal officers either the arbiters or the custodians of the title deeds of his title deeds? Surely, they do not entertain an idea so preposterous. The natural interpretation of this Ordinance, as it stands, therefore, is that it dispenses altogether with returning in such cases! For their own credit, then, the Council ought to amend it forthwith.

One is tempted to ask, Where was Councilor Copland when an ordinance of this nature was submitted to pass—apparently without any protest from him? Had he but reserved for an important occasion like this some portion of the virtuous indignation previously wasted, it might redound to his credit.

Section 5 ordains that "all persons claiming an interest in the actual owners of Real Estate, will be bound to show their power of attorney to act in the within." This is very arbitrary at all events. Is there any necessity for it? or is this stringent enactment merely an ostentatious display of authority? Assuming that the return required is properly made, what does it signify whether the person who made it had or had not a "power of Attorney"? And why should those having such powers be "bound" to show them? If any good reasons for this exist let them be made known, and they will not doubt be readily acquiesced in as far as possible. If not, let the faulty "ordinance" be repealed.

Section 7 declares that "any person or persons failing to comply with the conditions of this ordinance" (all its conditions of course—useless though the may be), "will be subject to a penalty not exceeding \$25 for each default." There are also other "ordinances" that are equally unreasonable and inconsistent, but they may pass unnoticed at present.

I will simply remark in conclusion, that the "City Fathers" in seeking to make themselves the arbiters of the title deeds of their constituents are retarding useful progress. Please admonish them again if necessary, Mr. Editor, hinting gently that unless they keep within proper bounds they will certainly forfeit the esteem of their constituents. While fully appreciating zeal and activity rightly directed, what we wish primarily is that in the exercise of their authority they do not forget the modern motto, "do no harm," and that in the discharge of their legislative functions.

Yours, truly,

TAXPAYER.

VICTORIA, Feb. 3, 1863.

**SINGULAR PHENOMENA IN CONNECTION WITH AN IRON SHIP.**—A communication from Toulon, in the *Messenger du Midi*, says: "The laying up of the frigate La Clémence in the Castagnou dock has disclosed three unexpected phenomena.—First, that the contact of the copper lining and the submerged iron plates had established a galvanic current, which produced the effect of a voltaic pile, and was completely deteriorating the iron under the influence of the same galvanic current, and, lastly, in the hold of the vessel 22,000 litres of water were found to be transformed into vinegar, it is not known by what influence."

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